

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

WHAT: This document is the draft revised management plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS). It replaces the management plan that was implemented in 1997 and will serve as the primary management document for the Sanctuary during the next five years. The revision was in response to both federal and state requirements. Revisions included non-regulatory changes such as re-organization of action plans and the addition of action plans such as Administration and Damage Assessment and Restoration. Also, strategies and activities within the action plans have been updated since their implementation in 1997.

WHY: This document is a report on the results of NOAA's five-year review of the strategies and activities detailed in the 1997 *Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement* for the FKNMS. It serves two primary purposes: 1) to update readers on the outcomes of successfully implemented strategies - in short, accomplishments that were merely plans on paper just five years ago; and 2) to disseminate useful information about the Sanctuary and its management strategies, activities and products. The hope is that this information, which charts the next 5 years of Sanctuary management, will enhance the communication and cooperation so vital to protecting important national resources.

WHEN: Members of the public are encouraged to provide input on the draft revised management plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary during the public comment period, from February 15, 2005 to April 15, 2005.

WHO: Working with citizens, businesses, and government partners, the FKNMS has completed the final draft of its revised management plan.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US — Please provide your comments in the space below (use additional paper if necessary) on any aspect of the draft revised management plan for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. **Please include your name when you respond.**